

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

1. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery,
which is composed mainly of fine glass fibers and also
contains inorganic powder, beaten natural pulp, and
5 heat-weldable organic fibers, wherein

the heat-weldable organic fibers have a fineness of 1.5d
(deniers) or less and a fiber length of 1 mm or more, and the
amount of the heat-weldable organic fibers is from 3% to 15%
by weight.

10 2. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery
as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of the inorganic
powder is from 5% to 30% by weight and the amount of the natural
pulp is from 2% to 15% by weight.

3. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery
15 as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the fine glass fiber is
acid resistant glass fiber having a mean fiber diameter of
2.0 μm or less.

4. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery
as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein the
20 inorganic powder is a silica powder having a specific surface
area of 100 m^2/g or more.

5. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery
as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 4, wherein the natural
pulp is beaten to the extent of 250 mL or less in the Canadian
25 freeness.

6. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery
as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein the
fineness of the heat-weldable organic fibers is from 0.5d to

1.5d and the fiber length of the heat-weldable organic fibers is from 1 mm to 10 mm.

7. A separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 6, wherein the density
5 of the separator is from 0.15 g/cm³ to 0.18 g/cm³.

8. A valve regulated lead acid battery including a separator for a valve regulated lead acid battery as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 7.

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